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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR LAUNCHED IN UNITED STATES

On January 11, the U.S. Center for International Women's Year 1975 launched IWY in the United States. Officially designated International Women's Year in the United States by Presidential proclamation last January, this year promises to be one of focus on the goals and activities of women. At the Library of Congress, the Library's Federal Women's Program Committee will be actively engaged in programs and studies for and about women on the staff. Nationally, the U.S. Center for IWY will be disseminating information about the year, providing materials on what is being done here and abroad, and coordinating governmental and voluntary activities in observance of IWY.

Before selection as a kick-off date, January 11 was already a celebrated day in the annals of women's history. It was on this early January date in 1935 that Amelia Earhart made her pioneering flight from Hawaii to California. Because of Miss Earhart's profound belief in sexual equality and women's ability to make their contribution to the well-being of mankind and take their share in social and economic life, and in world peace, it seemed fitting to choose January 11 as U.S. IWY launching day.

In proposing an IWY Calendar of Months, the U.S. Center has suggested that each month be devoted to some special activity for women: January–aeronautical science, astronomy, atomic science, the atmosphere and space, and aviation; February–business, industry, and labor; March–communication in all its forms–press, radio, television, and magazines; April–doers–the volunteers, volunteer organizations, and service organizations; May–education; June–farming and agribusiness; July–government; August–homemakers; September–the international scene; October–joy–women in the arts, sports, recreation, drama, music, and literature; November–law, medicine, nursing, secretarial work, fire-fighting–all the careers not already covered; and December–the minds and hearts of people–spiritual and aesthetic values.

The IWY U.S. Center is located at 1630 Crescent Pl., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

A LONG WAY SINCE 1897

In conjunction with the launching of International Women's Year on January 11, the LC *Information Bulletin* is publishing, as an appendix to this issue, the semiannual report of the Library of Congress Federal Women's Program Coordinator. The report covers the period of June-December 1974.

An interesting comparison to the status of women in the Library today is provided by the observations of the Librarian of Congress in his Annual Report for 1897. John Russell Young was discussing employment in the new Library of Congress building

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(opened to the public in November 1897) and the suitability of women as Library employees.

Twenty-five percent of the appointments consisted of women. With few exceptions, women have not had service in the Library, and therefore the nominations were an experiment. It was believed that as there were various features of the Library work apparently suitable for women, they were entitled to recognition. In the administration of other libraries the experiment has been successful, but so far as our Library is concerned, the appointment of women is still open to debate. This may result from present exceptional conditions. The Library is in a state of change–its new departments created by the new law, involving the handling and organization of the vast material, outside of books, now first brought to view. The classification and removal of this material is manual labor, with little opportunity for rest–as a rule, hard and exacting. In a year or two, when these new departments are arranged and in good working order, there may be gentle and useful offices suitable for women. With the problem to be gone over again, however, there would be more reserve in these appointments. While those in the service do their duty with fidelity and patience, it does not diminish the regret that it is necessarily so severe.

CLR AND OCLC SIGN AGREEMENT ON SERIALS CONVERSION PROJECT

The Council on Library Resources, Inc. (CLR) and the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC) announced on January 8 that they have signed an agreement providing for the use of OCLC's computer network in the CLR-managed CONSER (CONversion of SERials) Project over the next two years. The CONSER Project, which should be operational within five months, is a cooperative effort to convert approximately 200,000 serials records to a machine-readable format.

The Ohio College Library Center, a nonprofit organization based in Columbus, Ohio, operates a computer network system for over 300 institutions in 30 States. The Council on Library Resources is a private operating foundation which, through directly administered programs as well as grants to and contracts with other organizations, seeks to aid in the solution of problems of libraries.

The file produced by CONSER will be available to the library community through the Library of Congress and the National Library of Canada. The participating institutions will input their serials via CRT terminals on OCLC's on-line shared cataloging system.

Institutions invited as initial participants in the CONSER Project include the Library of Congress, the National Library of Canada, the National Library of Medicine, the National Agricultural Library, the State University of New York, the New York State Library, Cornell University, Yale University, the University of Minnesota, and the University of California. The International Serials Data System will participate through the two national centers: the National Serials Data Program within the Library of Congress and the ISDS/Canada within the National Library of Canada.

A more extensive report on CONSER will be made to the Association of Research Libraries meeting in Chicago this month. Copies of the report will be available at the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting.

PRES. FORD ACKNOWLEDGES MR. MUMFORD'S LC SERVICE

President Gerald R. Ford mailed on January 2 a letter to L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress from 1954 to 1974, expressing his appreciation and gratitude to the retired Librarian for his service to the Congress and the Nation. President Ford's letter is reproduced as follows:

Dear Dr. Mumford:

I have your letter of December 18, and on the occasion of your retirement as Librarian of Congress, I welcome the opportunity to express to you my profound gratitude for your dedicated and distinguished service to our Nation.

Steadfast in your pursuit of excellence, you have provided inspired leadership to the staff and operations of the Library for twenty years. During your stewardship, the demands on the Library's facilities and staff have multiplied, and your own challenging responsibilities have similarly changed and increased. But you have unfailingly discharged your duties in a manner which has properly won the respect and admiration of your many friends in the Congress and the lasting gratitude of all your fellow citizens.

As you return now to private life, I hope you will always look back with great satisfaction on the work you have done in redirecting and strengthening the services of the Library, at the same time maintaining it in the forefront of our country's great institutions of learning. I feel particularly privileged, both as a former Member of Congress and as President, to thank you for your frequent personal assistance in the past and the Library's invaluable, continuing contributions to the quality of our national life. You may be assured you take with you my warmest good wishes for every future success and happiness.

Sincerely,
[signed] Gerald R. Ford

MCKIM FUND TO SPONSOR CONCERT

On Friday evening, January 24, the McKim Fund in the Library of Congress will sponsor a concert of chamber music for violin and piano featuring Joseph Fuchs, violin, and Joseph Villa, piano. Their program will include Sonata in E flat major, K. 380 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Sonata by Ralph Vaughan Williams; Fantasiestücke, Op. 111, for piano, by Robert Schumann; Caprice after a Study in Form of Waltz, for violin, by Camille Saint-Saëns (Ysaye); and Sonata in A major, Op. 13 by Gabriel Fauré.

This concert will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. Tickets will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G Street, N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, January 20. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

This concert will be broadcast live and in its entirety by Station WETA-FM, and later made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

STONE PAPERS OPEN FOR RESEARCH

The Harlan F. Stone Papers, for many years under restricted access, are now open for research in the Manuscript Division.

Consisting of over 26,000 items, the Stone Papers date mainly from 1889 to 1946, and include family and general correspondence, Supreme Court case files, and subject files.

Chief Justice Stone's extensive correspondence with his colleagues on the bench, as well as with prominent persons in law, government, and politics, make the collection a valuable source for students of American legal history and the judicial process.

TWENTY JOIN CIP IN DECEMBER

The following publishers joined the Cataloging in Publication (CIP) Program during December 1974.

Associated Scientific Publishers; Avenel Books (subsidiary of Crown Publishing); Blue Wind Press; Butterworth Publishers; Cambridge University Press; Christopher's Books; Donning & Hirschfeld Publishing Company; Excerpta Medica (affiliate of American Elsevier Publishing Company, Inc.); Everett/Edwards, Inc.; Gekoyo Publications; Hackett Publishing Company, Inc.; Harrowood Books; Ireland Educational Corporation; Land Tenure Center; North-Holland (affiliate of American Elsevier Publishing Company, Inc.); St. Martin's Press; St. Vladimir's Seminary Press; Tantivy Press (subsidiary of Associated University Press); Texas A&M University Press; and Walter Zintz.

It is usually six to ten months after publishers agree to join the CIP Program before their first titles containing the CIP data actually appear on the market. This occurs because the CIP office works at the galley

stage of a book to generate CIP data and it usually requires four to six months for a book to complete the normal book production cycle and be released for sale. For example, if a publisher agrees to join the program in December, it may be April to July of the following year before the first books with CIP data in them will appear.

SOVIET DELEGATION MEETS WITH COPYRIGHT OFFICE

On December 13, Boris Pankin, Chairman of the All Union Copyright Agency of the U.S.S.R. (VAAP), and five of his colleagues, Yuriy Gradov, Alexander Lebedev, Leo Mitrokhin, Vasiliy Pogulayev, and Boris Zatsepin, met with Barbara A. Ringer, Register of Copyrights, E. Clark Hamilton, Deputy Register, Dorothy M. Schrader, General Counsel, and other members of the department staff. Also present was Harvey Winter, Director of the Office of Business Practices, U.S. Department of State.

During this meeting, Miss Ringer and Mr. Pankin reviewed a draft statement of points discussed by the U.S. and Soviet copyright organizations during their October 1974 meeting in the U.S.S.R. Based on this review and subsequent clarifications by both organizations, a joint statement of operating guidelines will be issued by the Copyright Office and the All Union Copyright Agency. These guidelines will form the basis for continuing cooperation between the two organizations in the future.

In addition to the review of the draft statement, a wide range of subjects was discussed, including the United Nations conference on reprographic reproductions to be held in Washington, D.C. in June, the location of a VAAP representative in the United States, and the 1975 meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Universal Copyright Convention.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Miss Ringer and Mr. Pankin expressed the gratitude of their respective organizations for the opportunity to meet in Moscow and in Washington and mutually pledged to maintain a continuing and close relationship to promote the goal of international copyright.

Left to right: Mr. Lebedev, Mr. Mitrokhin, Mr. Winter, Mr. Pankin, Mr. Zatsepin, Miss Ringer, Mr. Gradov, Mr. Pogulayev, and Mr. Hamilton.

BOSS HELPS STAFF IMPROVE PERFORMANCE

Twenty-two staff members recently completed the Better Office Skills and Service Workshop (BOSS) conducted by Evelyn Vass of the LC Training Office. Four days of intensive training were presented in an effort to improve the overall performance of the participants in their position within the Library.

This workshop is designed to assist clerical employees to take a more realistic look at their job and to become more efficient and effective as a member of the office team. Typical problems and activities occurring during a normal working day were discussed and emphasis was placed on proper attitudes, office diplomacy, human relations, telephone techniques, grammar, filing and paperwork organization, government reference aids, and office grooming. Practical exercises, case studies, group discussions and incident studies were included in the workshop by guest speakers. Grace Hall, Office Manager, and Denise Dabbs, Clerical Assistant, Processing Department; Hildegarde De Noia, Supervisor, Composing Unit, Central Services Division; Harold Hooper, Head, Paperwork Management Section, Central Services Division; John Dutch, Inventory Management Specialist, Materiel Section, Procurement and Supply Division; and Harvey H. Joiner, Jr., Employee

Participants learn better office skills during workshop sponsored by Training Office.

Office skills workshop speakers, back row, left to right: Messrs. Dutch, Joiner, and Hooper; and front row: Mmes. Dabbs, Hall, and De Noia.

Development Officer, Training Office. The participants were Carolyn Anthony, Federal Research Division; Gwendolyn Brady, Congressional Research Division, Economics Division; Naomi Braxton, Card Division; Virginia Carmean, Geography and Map Division; Pamela Carter, Subject Cataloging Division Office; Mattie Dupree, Copyright Office, Reference Division; Esther Hall, Card Division; Catherine Hensley, Copyright Office, Reference Division; Sharon Hicks, Card Division; Barbara Jackson, Card Division; Sharon Marshall, Stack and Reader Division; Jeffrey Neil, Copyright Office, Service Division; Barbara Ortman, Card Division; Brenda Poindexter, Descriptive Cataloging Division; Janet Richardson, American and British Law Division; Allis Robinson, Stack and Reader Division; Lester Sanders, Card Division; Opal Shipp, Card Division; Gloria Stokes, Congressional Research Division, American Law Division; Barbara Stone, Descriptive Cataloging Division; Vernie Warren, Card Division; and Avia Young, Card Division.

STAFF NEWS

RETIREMENTS

Leroy Clarke, Library Driver, Motor Vehicle Unit, Central Services Division, retired December 31 after 36 years of Federal service—all with the Library.

Born in Kershaw, S.C., Mr. Clarke began his Federal Government career in the Library December 12, 1938, in a trial appointment as Book Cleaner in the office of the Superintendent of Library Buildings. On July 18, 1942, he was promoted to a driver, and on September 1, 1944, he and his position were transferred from Library Buildings to the Secretary's Office. He was promoted to his present position on June 14, 1948, a position which was transferred back to Buildings in October 1951 and returned to Office of the Secretary in January 1969.

F. E. Croxton, Administrative Department Director, presented Mr. Clarke's retirement certificate at a coffee held in the division. Mr. Clarke was presented a gift from the division staff and other Library friends.

Benjamin L. Swinson, Reader Service Section, Stack and Reader Division, retired December 31 after more than 32 years of Federal service, all in the Library of Congress.

Mr. Swinson, a native of Green County, N.C., came to the Library in March 1942 where his service began in the former Buildings and Grounds Division. In 1944, he was promoted to Control Room Attendant in the Stack and Reader Division. Since 1952, Mr. Swinson has served as an Assistant in the Study Facility Unit. Over the years he has been the recipient of numerous letters of thanks and commendation from grateful scholars. His continuous dedicated service was recognized in 1972 with a quality increase.

On December 23, Mr. Swinson was honored at a luncheon and presented a purse by his co-workers and many friends. His immediate plans include travel to California.

Pauline Daniels, Clerk in the Publications and Proofsheet Unit of the Card Division, retired on December 31, two days after having achieved eligibility for her 30-year Federal Service Award pin.

She came to work in the Card Division at the close of December 1944 and 90 days after taking a temporary job was given a rating which stated that she was "industrious, accurate, cooperative and dependable." She was all of these on the day of her retirement, and throughout her career in the Card Division as Investigator, File Clerk, Arranger-Biller, Checking and Billing Clerk, and Senior Billing Clerk.

Mrs. Daniels is a graduate of Fredericksburg Normal Industrial Institute.

AWARD

John T. Cole, Arranger in the Bibliographic Inquiry Section, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on December 30 by Paul E. Edlund, Chief of the Card Division.

Mr. Cole began his Federal service in 1951 with the U.S. Army where he served until August 1953. He joined the staff of the Library of Congress in 1957 and worked briefly in the Buildings and Grounds Division before becoming a Control Room Attendant in the Stack and Reader Division. He was promoted in December 1959 to the position of Card Drawer in the Card Division. He became an Arranger in October 1960 and was promoted to his present position in June 1968.

Mr. Cole is a native of Talladega, Ala.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Richard B. Beall, correspondence clerk, GS-5, Cop Exam, 7356; Charlotte Bolton, clerk-typist, GS-3, GR&B, OP 8-600; Clifton Brittain, shipment clerk-typist, GS-4, CS, 7369; Dale R. Cohen, bill digester & reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, 7376; Audrey E. Daughtry, computer terminal operator trainee, GS-4, CRS A, 7402; Janet M. Guess, clerk-typist, Cop Serv, 7196; Dorothy J. Henry, publications clerk, GS-3, Cop Cat, OP 11-200; Stacey M. Kean, economic analyst, GS-7, CRS E, 7238; James V. Kennedy, Jr., mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, OP 10-200; Cornelia C. Ladd, research production assistant, GS-7, CRS GGR, 7323; John D. Levy, scientific serials-project head, GS-12, NSDP, 7272; Dennis L. Little, specialist futures research, GS-15, CRS SPR, 7268; Douglas E. McCollister, bill digester & reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, 7376; William R. Miller, library aid, GS-3, Cop Serv, OP 8-200; Joan M. Pooley, administrative assistant, GS-9, CRS D, 7190; Rachel Ray, clerk-typist, GS-4, Cop Serv, 7318; Laurie A. Sabo, clerk-typist, GS-4, Cop Serv, 7264; Michael H. Shaut, bill digester & reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, 7376; Curtis K. Smith, information resources assistant, GS-5, CRS L, 7278; Zana W. Watson, correspondence clerk, GS-3, Cop Exam, OP 5-200; Mary T. Williams, clerk-typist, GS-4, Cop Serv, 7196; Beverly A. Wills, computer terminal operator trainee, GS-4, CRS A, 7402; Irene R. Woolf, correspondence clerk, GS-3, Cop Exam, OP 5-200; Mary E. Zuyus, assistant editor of catalog publications, GS-9, Cat Pub, 7236.

Temporary Appointments: Christine P. Benagh, bill digester & reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, NP; Christina Betit, library technician, GS-4, Cop Serv, NP; Howard W. Calander, mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, Op 10-200; Steven P. Caldwell, photocopy assistant-mail clerk, GS-3, CRS D, NP; Janice Y. Cooke, library technician, GS-4, Cop Serv, NP; Michael A. Dickerson, mail clerk, GS-2, Cop Serv, OP 9-200; Maurice Gaines, library technician, GS-4, Cop Serv, NP; Patricia J. Gauvey, bill digester & reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, NP; Matthew V. Golas, clerk, GS-3, CRS C, NP; James F. Morgan, Jr., bill digester & reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, NP; Richard E. Pearson, special police private, GS-7, Bldgs, NP; Debbie L. Reed, library technician, GS-4, Cop Serv, NP; Karen E. Sharpe, library technician, GS-4, Cop Serv, NP; Amy Sherman, reference assistant, GS-4, CRS Ed, NP; Caroline Stitely, descriptive cataloger, GS-9, Desc Cat, NP; Beverly J. Sumpter, library technician, GS-4, Cop Serv, NP; Roberta R. Thomas, library technician, GS-4, Cop Serv, NP; Peter N. Trygstad, bill digester & reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, NP; John C. Weber, bill digester & reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, NP; Clarice Williams, library technician, GS-4, Cop Serv, NP; Gary R. Wolberg, bill digester & reference

assistant, GS-7, CRS A, 7325.

Reappointment: Paula M. Moore, computer terminal operator, GS-5, CRS A, 7402.

Promotions: Lillie M. Atkinson, to MARC files management assistant, GS-11, MARC Ed, 7308; Ginean D. Brower, to clerk-typist, GS-4, Cop Serv, 7318; Dorothy M. Coley, to assistant editor of catalog publications, GS-9, Cat Publ, 7236; Sylviane Easton, Cat Publ, to language specialist, GS-7, FRD, 7332; Alison V. Ely, CRS D, to music cataloger, GS-9, Desc Cat, 7249; Fred Friedman, MARC Ed, to assistant editor of catalog publications, GS-9, Cat Publ, 7236; Carl L. Harris, P&S, to special police general duty trainee, GS-5, Bldgs, 7273; Warren A. Johnson, to deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 2-600; Anthony Keller, to deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 2-600; David J. Kelly, to librarian, GS-7, S&R, 7345; Cornell E. Lawrence, to information resources assistant, GS-5, CRS L, 7278; David M. Marshall, to supervisor, accessioning unit, GS-10, Ser Rec, 7393; Jane O'Callaghan, S&R, to clerk, GS-3, CRS C, 7418; Linda C. Stewart, DBPH, to editorial assistant of catalog publications, GS-5, Cat Publ, 7223.

Transfers: Karen D. Caldwell, Bind, to clerical assistant, GS-3, DBPH, NP; Claudette M. Revel, Photodup, to special policeman general duty trainee, GS-5, Bldgs, 7273.

Resignations: Kathleen W. Allan, Cop Cat; Edward E. Bailey, CRS L; Daniel P. Beard, CRS EP; Patricia A. Haas, CRS D; William T. Monroe, FRD; Stephen P. Moore, S&R, Charles H. Murphy, CRS F; Marybeth S. Platt, LL AB; Margaret J. Rinick, Loan; John P. Rogers, Share Cat; Frances F. Slusher, Cop Serv; Anthony S. Sonnino, NUCPP; Linwood E. Staten, S&R; Gloria White, S&R.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Antarctic Bibliography. ISSN 0066-4626. Volume 6. (v, 467 p.) Prepared by the Library of Congress, Geza T. Thuronyi, Editor; sponsored by the Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $9 (LC 33.9:6), GPO Stock Number 3018-00015. LC Card 65-61825.

Foreign Newspaper and Gazette Report. ISSN 0092-6647. 1974, No. 3. (12 p.) Issued three times a year the *Report* is available to libraries and institutions free upon request from the Central Services Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. ISSN 0027-0288. Vol. 65, No. 12. December 1974. (pp. 849-1027.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for 90 cents for single monthly issues except June and December for $1.55, or $12.80 a year, domestic, and $16 a year foreign (LC 30.9:65/12). LC Card 10-8924.

The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress. Vol. 31, No. 4. October 1974. (pp. 187-297.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents at $1.20 this issue or $6.45 a year, domestic, and $8.10 a year, foreign (LC 1.17:31/4). It is available in person from the Information Counter, Main Building, Library of Congress.

The history of Western color printing, rare books on early magic, and recently acquired manuscripts are the subjects covered in this issue.

Nineteen pages are devoted to selected items from the Library's major exhibit, "Color and the Graphic Arts," which documents the development of color in the graphic arts of the Western world and displays some outstanding examples from the Library's collections. The Library's collections are broad enough to support extensive research on the technical and artistic applications of color and to illustrate the many aspects of the use and history of color in printed books, magazines, newspapers, fine prints, photographs, and maps. Described and illustrated in this section of the *Quarterly Journal* are the earliest attempts of color and multicolor printing and the men and women who made dramatic advances in color theory and technology. The cover of this issue, designed by the National Geographic Society's color printing technicians, portrays color separations, utilizing a close-up of a human eye, that make color halftone pictures possible on the printed page.

Leonard N. Beck, Curator of Special Collections in the Rare Book Division, examines "the bibliographical landmarks along the road to modern magic" in two sections—Natural Magic and "The Seven Liberal Sciences"—using examples from the magic libraries of Harry Houdini, John McManus, and Morris N. Young. Beck begins by noting these three important magic collections and continues his 26-page article, "Things Magical in the Collections of the Rare Book Division," with the natural magicians of the Renaissance who "mastered 'the secret miracles of nature,' " who demonstrated " 'how a man may with privacy and speed communicate his thoughts to a friend at any distance,' " and who later delved into unimportant household hints and kitchen recipes and into important discoveries like the steam engine and the camera obscura. Working more with the natural sciences of air, earth, fire, and water, not to mention the areas of chemistry, optics, and mathematics, these men of scientific achievement were sometimes imprisoned for

working with the devil and practicing witchcraft. Their technology of illusion was employed in the theater during scenes of decapitation. In the final section of "The Seven Liberal Sciences," Beck cites rare literature to deal with the early magician's use of recreational mathematics which created puzzles and tricks of skill and amusement. This literature, some written for the young, while not science, did help to popularize science and excite crowds through the use of electricity, magnetism, and mechanical devices.

The issue concludes with a report on "Recent Acquisitions of the Manuscript Division" compiled by eight Division staff members. In 1973 the Library added large and important collections of 19th-century materials, chiefly some 7,000 John William Draper Family Papers and about 6,500 items of the remaining segment of the John M. Harlan papers. Additions are noted to the papers of the Presidents–Monroe, Jackson, and Grant, and to the papers of the Kermit Roosevelt family, the Joseph E. Willard family, the Pulitzer family, Katie S. Louchheim, Agnes Meyer, Merle Tuve, and to the Bollingen Foundation Archives. The Division's microfilm accessions surpassed the 1,000-reel mark for the third sucessive year, with the Woodrow Wilson papers microfilm edition accounting for nearly half of the total. All principal accessions, including those mentioned, are recorded in a classified list appended to the report.

Cooperative Publication Projects: *The National Union Catalog: Pre-1956 Imprints. A Cumulative Author List Representing Library of Congress Printed Cards and Titles Reported by Other American Libraries.* Vols. 350-354; McDermott, W. J.–Magalhaes, Alberto de. Compiled and edited with the cooperation of the Library of Congress and the National Union Catalog Subcommittee of the Resources Committee of the Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association. For sale by Mansell Information/Publishing Ltd., 3 Bloomsbury Place, London WC1A 2QA, England, for $28.50 if paid in advance. Particulars are available from the publisher.

Press Releases: No. 74-75 (December 31) Library of Congress Marks Centenary of Japanese Collections; No. 74-46 (December 31) L. Quincy Mumford Retires; No. 74-47 (December 31) Roy P. Basler Retires as Chief of Manuscript Divison at Library of Congress; No. 75-1 (January 3) Library of Congress Exhibit Examines Love Letters from American History; No. 75-2 (January 6) Library of Congress to Hold Symposium on Impact of American Revolution Abroad May 8 and 9, 1975; No. 75-3 (January 7) Library of Congress Publishes Quarterly Journal for October.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

An Economic and Social Atlas of Maryland, Derek Thompson, Editor, and Joseph W. Wiedel, Cartographer, has recently been published in two editions by the Department of Geography, University of Maryland, College Park, Md. 20742. The first version–126 pages including a substantial bibliography–is No. Three in the series, "Occasional Papers in Geography," published by the above department and priced at $5 per copy. The second version, although available at the same price, was produced for the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development. It does not include the extensive bibliography and commentary on sources of data in its 107 pages.

To quote from the Preface, "This Thematic Atlas is part of an inventory of human resources, but also a commentary on the welfare of people living in different parts of the state." The atlas makes available to a wide audience, for the first time, a very large amount of material which deals spatially with the basic social and economic structure of the State of Maryland.

There are some 45 topics dealt with in a very sophisticated and somewhat innovative cartographic analysis. It is abundantly illustrated with virtually all of the different types of cartographic symbolization currently in vogue. From histograms and bar graphs to cartograms and graduated circles, nothing seems to have been left out. For the most part, the information is assembled in very pleasing patterns and colors. There are, however, some problems with the scale of the base maps and the size of symbols. Some symbols tend to obscure the base maps and make proper location a problem. An understanding of the location of Maryland counties and cities is necessary for proper use.

Treated in depth are the characteristics of population, such as density, rural and urban migration, and many other topics. It is pointed out that the State of Maryland has one of the highest population densities in the United States, slightly under 400 persons per square mile. This is equal to that found in Italy or Switzerland, two of the most densely populated countries of Europe.

Production and employment are treated next, followed by a chapter dealing with the labor force and consumer activity. The last chapter includes information on government and services, including finance, social services, health services, and recreation.

There is no doubt that this is a most valuable source book and one which will be of great utility to

scholars, government researchers and planners, and to students in secondary schools and universities throughout the State.

This publication is available for consultation in the Geography and Map Division Reading Room.

[*John Wolter*]

Art at Educational Institutions in the U.S., compiled by Emma Lila Fundaburk and Thomas G. Davenport has been published by Scarecrow Press, Inc., Metuchen, N.J., for $35.

Works of art at colleges and universities perform several functions. Sculpture, paintings, and works of decorative art adorn the buildings and campuses, commemorating founder, donors, and events, and creating an aesthetically agreeable atmosphere. Art works in academic museums are available for study as well as enjoyment, and play an essential role in the training of artists and art historians as well as in the development of generations of committed museum-goers. In public schools, art works are available through cooperation with local museums and institutions of higher education, and a few enlightened school systems have established art collections for use in school and community programs.

This 670-page book is designed primarily as a handbook for those wishing to undertake such programs and as an inspiration for those who might be considering the commissioning of art works or the establishment of a collection. Many examples are given, but the book makes no pretense of listing every art object owned or displayed by an American school. Nonetheless, it is provided with a series of appendixes and indexes that will serve as useful reference tools, and an extensive bibliography on academic art collections, galleries, and community activities and how they have been created and administered.

[*Alan Fern*]

In its *Biographical Dictionary of American Labor Leaders*, Gary M. Fink, editor-in-chief, Greenwood Press has plugged another gap in array of useful biographical compilations as neatly as it did in 1971 with its *Biographical Directory of the United States Executive Branch, 1774-1971.* The new directory does not attempt exhaustive coverage of its field; nevertheless, many less well-known figures, difficult to find elsewhere (some of local or regional fame only), are included. The approximately 500 biographies were chosen to represent a balanced cross section of historical periods, industrial sectors, ethnic backgrounds, and geographical areas, with a sprinkling of politicians, lawyers, reformers, and federal, state, and local officials among the union organizers and leaders. The selection criterion was that each biography had a "substantial impact on the American labor movement"—plus at least some available information. Each brief biography (one page or less) provides bibliographical references leading to fuller information on the subject, if available, or on the individual's period and movement if personal information cannot be found. Six Appendices list the subjects by (1) union affiliations, (2) religious preference, (3) place of birth, (4) formal education, (5) political preference, and (6) major appointive and elective public offices. A copious index locates references to specific unions, publications, and events as well as persons. *Biographical Dictionary of American Labor Leaders* (Westport, Conn., Greenwood Press, 1974. 559 p. HD8073 .A1F56. $19.95) may be examined in the Main Reading Room.

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NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

[Editor's Note: The "News in the Library World" section of the LC *Information Bulletin* is designed to cover events that take place outside the Library of Congress of interest to librarians and information scientists. The section includes special features, short reports of meetings, and regular columns devoted to announcements; awards and prizes; grants and scholarships; courses, institutes, and seminars; meetings and conferences; new publications of interest to librarians; and announcements. Notes intended for publication in this part of the *Information Bulletin* should be as brief as possible, and will be run as space permits. Copy submitted to the Information Office should reach the editor of the *Information Bulletin* at least two weeks before the planned date of publication or date of release.]

COMING EVENT

Israeli poet **Abba Kovner** and **Shirley Kaufman**, U.S. Award Winner of the International Poetry Forum, will read from their "Canopy in the Desert" at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road., Rockville, Md., on Sunday, January 26, at 8 p.m. Admission is $1 for Center members and $1.50 for non-members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The third annual meeting of the **Middle East Librarians' Association** (MELA) met in Boston on November 6-7, 1974, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA). Discussed at the meeting

were co-operative bibliographic control to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of Middle Eastern collections, the adoption of standardized acquisitions policies, collection development. and closer interaction with MESA. Attending the meeting from the Library of Congress were George N. Atiyeh, Orientalia Division; Zuhair Jwaideh, Near Eastern and African Law Division; Frank McGowan, Overseas Operations Division; and Louis Mitler, Descriptive Cataloging Division.

The **Council of National Library Associations** held its winter Council meeting at the Summit Hotel in New York on Friday, December 6, 1974. Among the subjects discussed were several meetings on the critical copyright question, reported by Frank E. McKenna, Executive Director of the Special Library Association. Attempts to bridge the gap between the views of the publishers and the librarians on the matter of "systematic" copying of library materials by xerography and other means of fast copying seem to have failed so far. Only a Supreme Court decision in a pending case or the proposed revision of the copyright law could break the deadlock.

The report for the joint committee on library education was delivered by Elizabeth W. Stone, Department of Library Science, Catholic University, President of the Association of American Library Schools. Currently this committee is concentrating on continuing library education, especially on library automation. It is also preparing guidelines for professional employment. The joint committee on prison libraries, chaired by Brother John Corrigan of the Catholic Library Association, Editor of *Catholic Library World* reported that a standard for juvenile prison libraries had been accepted and a standard for adults was in preparation.

The Chairman of the Council, Efren W. Gonzales, Director of Science Information Services, Bristol-Myers Products, announced that the special project of the Council, a placement guide for librarians, will be incorporated in updated form in the *Bowker Annual.* James P. Riley, Executive Secretary of the Federal Library Committee, invited member associations to send in publicity material of general interest to be inserted in the *FLC Newsletter.*

The meeting concluded with a member forum, in which a representative of each member association discussed some of the highlights of their current major concerns.

Theodore Wiener, Supervisor of the Hebraic Language Unit, Miscellaneous Languages Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division, attended as Councillor for the Association of Jewish Libraries.

The Seventy-third Annual Meeting of the **American Anthropological Association** met in Mexico City from November 14-24. Shuttle buses operated continually between three major hotels and the National Anthropological Museum to provide access to locations where papers were given and symposia were held. William H. Gilbert, who retired from the Library of Congress in 1968 as Analyst in Indian Affairs for the then Legislative Reference Service, attended the annual meeting and reports that during a linguistics meeting a paper was read about the recent discovery of texts in the lost Piscataway Indian language once spoken in the District of Columbia and other nearby areas in coastal plain Maryland.

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